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Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement

Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending July 31, 2015 I - REGISTRANT 1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No. **Cassidy & Associates** 6272 (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant 733 10th Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20001 2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following? (a) If an individual: (1) Residence address(es) Yes 🗌 No 🗆 (2) Citizenship Yes 🗌 No □ (3) Occupation Yes 🗌 No □ (b) If an organization: (1) Name Yes 🗌 No ⊠ (2) Ownership or control Yes □ No 🗵 No 🗵 (3) Branch offices Yes 🗌 (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above. IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a). 3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C1, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes 🗵 No □ If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes 🗆 No ⊠ If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

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² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

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^{5 &}quot;Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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	April 20, 2015	OPJ	Invoice for se	rvices		\$10,000.00
	May 18, 2015	OPJ	Invoice for se	rvices		\$10,000.00
	June 18, 2015	OPJ	Invoice			\$60.60
	June 18, 2015	OPJ	Invoice for se	rvices		\$10,000.00
	July 21, 2015	Invest Climate Facility	Invoice for se	rvices		\$25,400.00
	July 28, 2015	OPJ	Invoice for se	rvices		\$10,000.00
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	If yes, furnish the following	lowing information:				
	Foreign Principal	Date Rec	eived	Thing of Value		Purpose

^{6, 7.} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

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	June 30, 2015 March 16, 2015	\$1,000.00 \$250.00		Van Hollen for Bonnie Watson	U.S. Senate	733 10th Street, NW Acadiana Restaurant

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V-INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month re Yes ⊠	porting period, did you prepare	e, disseminate or cause to	be disseminated any informational ma	aterials?12
If Yes, go to Item 17.	. 140 🖵		•	
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☐ Advertising campaigns	✓ Press releases	☐ Pamphlets or other p	oublications Lectures or speeches	
Other (specify)			- 	
Electronic Communications				
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☐ Website URL(s):				
☐ Social media websites URL((s):			•
Other (specify)				
20. During this 6 month reporti	ng period, did you disseminate	e or cause to be dissemin	ated informational materials among an	y of
☑ Public officials	☐ Newsp	apers	Libraries	
□ Legislators	☐ Editors		☑ Educational institutions	
☐ Government agencies	☐ Civic g	roups or associations	☐ Nationality groups	-
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21. What language was used in				
⊠ English	Othe	er (specify)		
22. Did you file with the Regist	tration Unit, U.S. Department	of Justice a copy of each	item of such informational materials	
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23. Did you label each item of s Yes ☐ No [· **	th the statement require	d by Section 4(b) of the Act?	

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

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In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Print or type name under each signature or prov	(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature)		
September 04, 2015	/s/ Mark C. Clack	eSigned		
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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Exhibit #1 FARA Supplemental Statement

FARA Supplemental Activities (Meetings) Report

U.S. State Department

Gil Morton, Bangladesh Desk Officer, Bureau of South & Central Asia. Met with Mr. Musam Ali and Mr. Nakib Rahman for briefing about civil unrest in Bangladesh and the status of the International Crimes Tribunal proceedings.

U.S. Congress

Senate

Mr. Frank Polley, Majority Professional Staff Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Discussed ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh and the International Crimes Tribunal. Mr. Masum Ali and Mr. Nakib Rahman in attendance.

Mr. Jed Meling, Minority Staff Fellow, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Met with Barrister Abdur Razzaq, Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman regarding Jan.-March 2015 political violence in Bangladesh and the final decision on the pending appeal of death sentence conviction of a senior member of Jamaat-e-Islami party in Bangladesh.

House of Representatives

Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Co-Chair Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission; Met Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman to thank Rep. McGovern for his ongoing advocacy against the International Crimes Tribunal and to provide briefing about the Tribunal's ongoing due process/fair trial failures.

Ms. Kimberly Stanton, Executive Director, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission; Met with Mr. Mir Ahmad, Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman regarding ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh and to appeal to Commission regarding the final decision on the pending appeal of a death sentence conviction of a senior member of the Jamaat-e-Islami party in Bangladesh.

Ms. Laura Hughes, Legislative Aide to Rep. Jim McDerMott (D-WA); Rep. McDermott is a member of the House Bangladesh Caucus. Met with Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman regarding ongoing political crisis/violence in Bangladesh and the International Crimes Tribunal.

Yvette Badu-Nimako, Legislative Aide to Rep. Hakim Jeffries (D-NY); Rep. Jeffries is Co-Chair of House Bangladesh Caucus. Met Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman to discuss

political stalemate in Bangladesh and pending death sentence appeals of senior Jamaat-e-Islami members in Bangladesh.

Non-Governmental Organizations/Human Rights Groups/Bangladesh Experts

Mr. Bharath Gopalswamy, Director, South Asia Center, The Atlantic Council; Met with Barrister Abdur Razzaq, Mir Ahmad Ali, Mr. Masum Ali and Mr. Nakib Rahman regarding U.S. foreign policy toward Bangladesh and the role of India, China and Russia.

Mr. Kip Hale, Director, American Bar Association-International Criminal Court Program; Met with Mr. Masum Ali and Mr. Nakib Rahman about the work of the ABA-ICC program and the need for an ABA presence in Bangladesh.

Mr. Doug McKieg, Independent Consultant Specializing in Political Islam, South Asia Politics and Countering Violent Extremism; Met with Barrister Abdur Razzaq, Mir Ahmad Ali, Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman. The purpose of the meeting was to learn Mr. McKieg's unbiased views about the current political crisis/stalemate in Bangladesh; the shortcomings and attributes of the Jamaat-e-Islami party; and the prospects of the ruling Awami League party and the Bangladesh National Party negotiating their way out of the political crisis.

John Sifton, South Asia Director, Human Rights Watch; Met Mir Ahmad, Masum Ali and Nakib Rahman to discuss HRW's opposition to the International Crimes Tribunal as currently constituted and HRW's future advocacy and publication plans on the justice and human rights issues in Bangladesh.

Mickey Bergman, Executive Director, Global Alliance Program, Aspen Institute and Senior Advisor to the Richardson Center; Met Mark Clack to discuss the international anti-death penalty advocacy initiatives of the Richardson Center and whether there were opportunities where the Center and the Organization for Peace & Justice could collaborate against the ICT death sentences.

Mr. David McKean, Program Officer, Partners for Human Rights Program, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Center; Met Mark Clack to discuss the International Crimes Tribunal and the RFK Centers criminal justice interests and discuss the idea of forming an international advocacy coalition to increase pressure on the government of Bangladesh to transform the International Crimes Tribunal from a national court, to a hybrid (national and international) body.

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September 4, 2015

U.S. Department of Justice National Security Division FARA Registration Unit 600 E Street, NW-BICN Bldg. Room 1300 Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: Questions # 22 & 23 of Form NSD-2

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter comes to notify the Department of Justice, National Security Division that registrant Cassidy & Associates (registration #6272) answered no to questions #22 and #23 of Form NSD-2. While we were aware of the requirement of the Act, two items were inadvertently disseminated on behalf of the Organization of Peace and Justice.

The two documents are attached herein for your records. The documents are Exhibit #2 and Exhibit #3.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Mark Clack Senior Vice President

Exhibit #2 FARA Supplemental Statement

Organization for Peace & Justice Calls to Halt ICT Executions in Bangladesh and Save Democracy

PR Newswire

June 15, 2015 10.57 AM Content preferences Done

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- To the dismay of many in Bangladesh and the international community, the Bangladesh government appears to be set to execute another opposition party member.

Tomorrow, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh will hand down its decision in the appeal of Mr. Ali Ahsan Mujhid, Secretary General of the Jamaat-e-Islami and former Minister of Social Welfare. Bangladesh's highly controversial International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) sentenced Mr. Mujhid to death in July 2013.

Previously, two other Jamaat leaders, Mr. Abdul Quader Mollah and Mr. Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, were executed in similar fashion. These executions occurred despite the repeated calls and diplomatic overtures to stay the executions from U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The ICT was created in 2010 to investigate and try alleged war crimes from the 1971 War of Independence. While war crimes were allegedly committed by all parties to the conflict, the ICT has targeted those that form the political opposition, namely the Jamaat-e-Islami party. Jamaat leaders have either been convicted, indicted or had warrants issued for their arrests.

Additionally, the government has conducted a media crack-down to silence the voices of those opposing the ICT proceedings.

Toby M. Cadman, a legal expert in war crimes, human rights, and international law, is familiar with the controversy surrounding the ICT for over 4 years. According to him the ICT "fails to meet the standards of international tribunals and is international in name only. The ICT in Bangladesh is a national court conducting cases of the utmost importance with no experience or training in international criminal law."

Cadman added, "the ICT was intended to achieve national reconciliation, but the reality is the opposite. If Mr. Mujhid is executed during Ramadan [which begins June 17] this will be a concerning national and religious precedent that may spur more street protests and worker strikes."

Many Members of Congress and human rights groups such as Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the International Center for Transitional Justice have raised concern regarding the ICT's proceedings. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has previously declared the process a breach of international law, and has referred the matter to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

To view the original version on PR Newswire, visit:http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/organization-for-peace--justice-calls-to-halt-ict-executions-in-bangladesh-and-save-democracy-300099032.html

SOURCE Organization for Peace & Justice

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Exhibit #3 FARA Supplemental Filing Statement

New report critical of Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal

Respected UK expert in international law says court is imposing "victor's justice,"

targeting political opponents of the current government

Summary

An independent report by a respected UK human rights attorney criticizes the procedures and convictions of Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal, concluding that the tribunal falls seriously short of international standards and, to date, has only convicted high-ranking officials from parties in opposition to the current government.

The report, authored by Geoffrey Robertson QC, founder and co-head of Doughty Street Chambers, the UK's largest human rights practice, said the tribunals' judgement to convict 16 opponents of the present government in Bangladesh, and impose the death sentence on 14 of them, represents a breach of international law.

It was commissioned by the International Forum for Democracy & Human Rights, and is the latest and most comprehensive review to call into question the tribunal's independence, the impartiality of its judges, and fairness of judicial processes. It details the lack of proper attention to legal principles in the passing and upholding of death sentences. Human Rights Watch and other respected human rights groups and international legal experts have also offered criticism of the tribunal's processes.

Background & findings

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) is a war crimes tribunal established in Bangladesh in 2009 to investigate and prosecute suspects for the genocide committed in 1971 during the Bangladesh Liberation War. As many as three million lives were lost during the conflict, which also involved as estimated 200,000 rapes. An estimated 10 million refugees fled to neighboring India. The genocide was committed by the Pakistani Army and its local collaborators on the population of what was then East Pakistan.

Mr. Robertson's report says that while the Bangladesh government was justified is establishing a court to punish perpetrators of international crimes during the 1971 civil war, it has to date limited its jurisdiction to deal only with crimes committed by one side, and has abolished some fundamental procedural safeguards for defendants. His analysis of the trials concludes that judges:

- Have come under improper political and public pressure to convict and impose death sentences.
- In some cases, denied defendants with adequate time and facilities to prepare for their trial.
- Have conducted trials in absentia,
- Shifted the burden of proof by requiring some defendants to prove their innocence,
- · Relieved prosecutors from having to prove key facts and elements of crimes, and
- Adopted a liberal use of hearsay evidence without respect for its probative value and prejudicial effect.

Mr. Robertson's is especially critical of the death sentences imposed on 16 individuals, all of whom are political opponents of the current government in Bangladesh. The report cites a lack of proper attention to legal principles in the passing and upholding of death sentences. He calls this process "victor's justice," and urges the international community to pressure Bangladesh to stop further executions.

Mr. Robertson calls on the UN Security Council to establish an *ad hoc* international criminal tribunal to investigate and punish international crimes committed during the 1971 Bangladesh civil war, with the power to examine witnesses and take evidence not only in Bangladesh but also India and Pakistan, and prosecute those it finds bear responsibility for crimes against humanity. Mr. Robertson says such a tribunal would take over the function of the ICT and include the power to review finished trials and to order a retrial in any case where it concludes the original proceedings "miscarried or delivered verdicts where there is real doubt about guilt."

"The Government of Bangladesh must end the spectacle of executions of political opponents after trials which have...fallen short of international standards," writes Mr. Robertson. "Unless the United Nations and the leaders of the free world act immediately to persuade the Bangladesh government to commute these sentences, their execution will breach international law and will represent revenge, not justice," the report concludes.

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